



# Inside CORNELIUS

Creative  
Open-minded  
Responsible  
Nurturing  
Empowered  
Learners  
Inclusive  
**US**

EDITION:  
2 OCT 2026



*Dear All,*

One of the things I want most for our children is opportunities. Opportunities to discover new interests, develop their talents, receive the support they need and achieve more than they ever thought possible.

Why does this matter? Because sometimes a single opportunity can change a young person's life. Joining a club can uncover a hidden talent. Extra support can turn "I can't do this" into "I can". Taking a chance and getting involved can build confidence that lasts a lifetime.

That is why we place such importance on creating opportunities for every child. Each one helps them grow in confidence, recognise their potential and develop the knowledge, skills and character they need for the future.

When an opportunity comes their way, let's encourage them to take it. Sometimes all a young person needs is a little nudge to say yes. And who knows where that one opportunity might lead?

*Ms Conlon*  
Headteacher

## CLUBS AND INTERVENTIONS

Our clubs, after-school interventions and Saturday School are now up and running. These opportunities help pupils develop their talents, discover new interests and receive additional support. We encourage every child to get involved, give something new a try and make the most of the opportunities on offer.

[Clubs Timetable](#)

[After School Interventions](#)



## READING TOGETHER

Each week, Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils take part in Form Time Reading, delivered live through Microsoft Teams.

Pupils listen to and follow an extract from a carefully selected book, introducing them to exciting new stories, different authors and a range of genres they might not otherwise consider.

The featured books are available to borrow from our school library, encouraging pupils to continue reading and discover their next great read.



## SEEAT SCHOLARS

Our SEEAT Scholars, Eva, Martin, Fola, Maddie and Archie, recently visited Westcliff High School for Girls to organise an upcoming trust-wide academic competition. They represented Cornelius with pride and were excellent ambassadors for the school. We are incredibly proud of their commitment, enthusiasm and achievement.



# OCTOBER SCHOOL TOURS

Every Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am - 9.30am

No booking required. Meet in reception.

## CORNELIUS IN PHOTOS

We recently welcomed a photographer to capture life at Cornelius. Our pupils were the stars of the day, showcasing learning, opportunities and school life.

[Cornelius Through The Lens](#)

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

[Watch Wonder: a National Poetry Day assembly with Michael Rosen, Hot Poets and Young Poet Laureates](#)

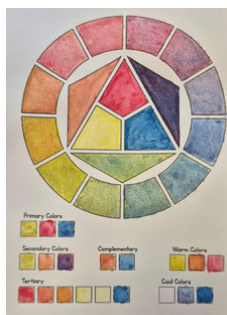
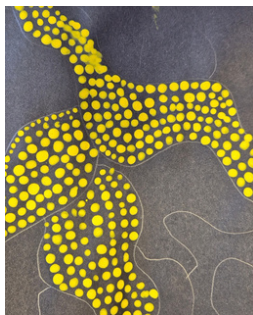
## CREATIVITY IN ART

Lexi Mae and Inaaya in Year 7 have created carefully controlled dot work inspired by artist Yayoi Kusama, showing impressive precision and attention to detail.

Lacey, Cleo and Loki in Year 10 have produced excellent colour wheels, demonstrating exceptional skill in colour mixing.

A special mention also goes to Millie in Year 9, who took her creativity beyond the classroom and completed some fantastic watercolour pattern work independently at home.

Well done to all of our young artists!



## OPEN EVENING

It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective pupils and their families to our Open Evening.

Visitors had the opportunity to explore the school, meet our staff, visit departments and experience life at Cornelius.

A special thank you to our pupils who supported the evening and represented the school with confidence, kindness and pride. Particular congratulations go to Samanta (Year 7) and Louie (Year 11 Head Pupil), who spoke so brilliantly about their experiences at Cornelius.

There is no better way to showcase our school than through the young people who are part of it every day.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to the staff and pupils who helped make the evening such a success.



### KEY DATES

- 05 Oct Y7 Talk the Talk Workshop
- 06 Oct Y7&8 Girls' Netball
- 06 Oct Girls' Rugby Festival
- 08 Oct Reading Author Event
- 16 Oct Y7 Rugby Tournament
- 19 Oct Y8 HPV Vaccinations
- 26 Oct Half Term begins

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